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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Donald E. Brown of Aurora on Monday, September 4, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on August 22, 1906, in Monrovia, California, to Charles Edward and Sadie Harriett (Peterson) Brown; he was united in marriage to Claire E. Iftner on December 29, 1934, in Pittsfield; his schooling took him from California to Texas, Iowa, and finally Zion, Illinois, where he graduated from Zion Preparatory College in June of 1924; and

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WHEREAS, He worked for the Chicago office of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company; he attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, from 1925 to 1927; in 1926 he worked with an electric company installing poles and transmission wires from Downers Grove to Naperville; throughout the rest of the 1920s he worked with Commonwealth Edison, worked as an apprentice plumber, and worked with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company; in 1931 he attended North Central College in Naperville, where he met his future wife; he graduated from North Central College in June of 1934 and during the rest of the 1930s worked for IBT office in Chicago, the Wheaton Recreation Project under the WPA, and East Aurora High School as a bookkeeper and their first wrestling coach; he taught first-year accounting at Elgin Community College; he also taught numerous accounting courses for Aurora University from 1965-1974; in 2002 he was voted into the East Aurora High School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the National Education Association, the Illinois Education Association, the National Retired Teachers Association, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, the Aurora Area Retired Teachers Association, and the Aurora Golden K Kiwanis Club; he attended the First

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1 Presbyterian Church of Aurora for over sixty years; and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of Donald E. Brown has been deeply  
3 felt by many, especially his children, Ben (Mary) Brown, Joyce  
4 Orland, JanClaire Elliott (David Gold), and Kent (Karen) Brown;  
5 his grandchildren, Rodney (Elizabeth) Brown, Cathy (Dave)  
6 Magee, Donald (Deanne) Brown, Gary (Julie) Brown, Michael  
7 (Diane) Orland, Jeffrey (Diane) Orland, Ronald (Kim) Hamm, Dr.  
8 Markus (Katie Godinez) Hamm, Gregory Hamm, Trisha (Chad) Cheek,  
9 and Jennifer and Erik Brown; his great-grandchildren, Olivia  
10 Brown, Ross, Jess, Emily, Erika, Lindsey and Matthew Magee,  
11 Megan and Ryan Brown, Justin Link, Mallory Harris, Alexia and  
12 Grant Shenburg, Jacob, Nicole and Joshua Brown, Stephanie (Jon)  
13 Schmalensee, Michael, Joseph and Jacob Orland, Mike (Vena) and  
14 Rob (Shannon) Bruce, Nikhia, Aaron, Meghan and Alicia Hamm; and  
15 his great-great grandchildren, Vincent, Jacob, Kayla, and  
16 Maxwell Bruce; his sister-in-laws, Frances and Helen Brown; his  
17 brother-in-laws, Joseph (Elisabeth) and Carl (Marie) Iftner,  
18 many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; he was  
19 preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his brothers,  
20 Arthur (Marjorie), Nathaniel, and David; his sister, Carol (Jim  
21 Speranza); a sister in infancy; and his grandsons, Thomas L.  
22 and Stephen C. Orland; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
25 Donald E. Brown, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
26 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
30 sympathy.